SI.No.	Name of the Schemes	States least utilised the funds
4	IAY	Arunachal Pradesh Himachal Pradesh Manipur Meghalaya

Guidelines for SGSY

1898. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines for Swarnajayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY) stipulate that 50% of the beneficiary groups formed in each block will be run exclusively by women;

(b) if so, how many such Groups have been in operation during the year 2002-03 and whether 50% of these groups are run by women; and

(c) what mechanism is in place to ensure that funds allotted to each group is not misused/under-utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Since inception of the Scheme upto March 2003, 13.41 lakhs Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed in the country, out of which 7.18 lakh groups are exclusively of women. Out of these, 1.02 lakh women SGHs have taken up economic activity.

(c) In order to ensure proper utilization of funds by the Groups, the assets purchasd by the swarozgaris are verified by the officials of the line department, block and banks. Thereafter the assets are also marked to check their misutilisation or transfer. The guidelines provide for the DRDA/Block officials and bankers to regularly monitor the progress of the swarozgari especially with regard to management of assets and income generated.